

1652

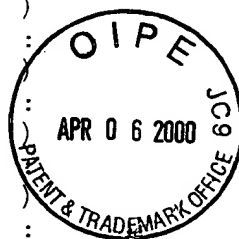
P#5

35.C13982

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYA YANO ET AL.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/430,029) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 29, 1999)
For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING)
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE)
GENE, RECOMBINANT)
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED)
MICROORGANISM, METHOD)
FOR DEGRADING)
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC)
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS)
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS,)
AND METHOD FOR)
ENVIRONMENTAL)
REMEDICATION) April 5, 2000



APR 07 2000

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited and/or in abstracts attached thereto.

APR 07 2000

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/453,956	December 3, 1999	1643

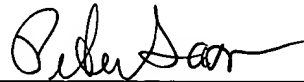
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicants

Registration No.

24947

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200
68608